

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN
PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Meeting Held March 22, 2011
City Hall, 301 WEST SECOND STREET, BOARD AND COMMISSIONS,
ROOM 1101,
301 West Second Street, Austin. TX

1. Call Meeting to Order at 2:04pm.

Committee Members Present:

1. Chair, Council Member Randi Shade
2. Mayor Pro Tem, Mike Martinez
3. Council Member Laura Morrison
4. Council Member Bill Spelman

2. Review and approval of minutes for the committee meeting held Tuesday, January, 18, 2011.

Motion by Council Member Laura Morrison to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on February 15, 2011. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Mike Martinez Motion unanimously carries.

3. Citizen Communications.

John McNaub submits One Voice memo to Council requesting update on Social service RFP.

Karen Ascot re: fluoride, et al

4. Receive presentation on Austin Police Department's Standard Operating Procedures regarding the Sit/Lie Ordinance (Assistant Chief Raul Munguia, Austin Police Department)

APD Chief David Carter presented on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for the Sit/Lie Ordinance. The Mayor Pro Tem requested the potential waiver of the ordinance during bad weather days, and proper training. Chief Carter replied all officers must take into account bad weather days, such as extremely hot days and that public care taking is actually police officers primary duty, before law enforcement. Council Member Spelman would like APD to consider adding language to Section 6C; "... and may include, but is not limited to; shortness of breath, general weakness, muscle cramps, feeling faint, feeling nauseous, feeling dizzy, suffering pain and/or heat exhaustion." Chief Carter said they would take the language into consideration.

5. Discussion of Impounded Stray Animals, recommendations and associated issues and take appropriate action. (Larry Tucker, Chair, Animal Advisory Commission, and Lisa Star, Austin Humane Society)

Item withdrawn.

6. Status Report on Implementation Plan to Reduce Animal Intake and Increase Live Animal Outcomes and take appropriate action (Filip Gecic, Operations Manager, Animal Services)

Flip went through the Plan updates and introduced new Animal Services Director Abigail Smith to the Committee. Council Member Morrison asked if there are things staff can do to help Austin Pets Alive in their grant application. Filip acknowledged the grant and the need to help. The Mayor Pro Tem was pleased to announce the passage of an animal cruelty bill by State Senator Whitmire out of committee.

7. Receive Staff Update on Mobile Food Vendor Regulations. (Shannon Jones, Acting Director, Health & Human Services Department, and David Lopez, Acting Assistant Director of Public Health)

Shannon Jones and David Lopez gave the Committee an update on the new mobile food rules recently passed by Council. They reported on outreach and education activities to the mobile vendor community. The number of permits issued since the passing of the new rules is 314, the number outstanding is 56 and revenue generated was \$82,565.

8. Discussion of Sustainable Food Policy Board recommendations, including waiver of fees, and take appropriate action. (Shannon Jones, Acting Director, Health & Human Services Department, and David Lopez, Acting Assistant Director of Public Health)

Shannon and David explained that we are working with health staff Budget and Legal departments on the potential impacts these fee waivers. Mayor Pro Tem Martinez made a motion to suspend fees for egg vendors, motion was later withdrawn. The Committee asked the item be brought back for final adjudication no later than the April PHHC meeting.

Note: The Council passed an Ordinance supporting all three of the Sustainable Food Policy Board recommendations on April 7th, 2011, item #64.

9. Briefing on Public Health Issues associated with Fluoride. (Dr. Philip Huang, Medical Director, Health & Human Services Department and Jane Burazer, Asst. Director, Austin Water Utility).

Dr. Huang presented on water fluoridation, saying fluoride is naturally occurring in the soil, air, and water and is considered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) one the 20th century's greatest public health achievements. Many citizens signed up and spoke against water fluoridation, one spoke in favor.

10. Consider agenda items for next meeting, scheduled for 3:00 pm on Tuesday, April, 19, 2011 or at the call of the committee chair.

11. Adjourned at 4:52.